

The Office Action rejects claims 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,689,565 to Spies. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 30 recites, *inter alia*, that a first device encrypts prescribed data received from a second device to be verified with an encrypting means on the basis of first data stored in a first data memory means. That is, the prescribed data encrypted is received from the second device to be encrypted by the first device.

The May 10 Office Action alleges that the user (i.e. participants 22(a), 22(b) and 22(c)) in Spies corresponds to the first device and that a credential binding server 28 in Spies corresponds to the second device. During the telephone interview, Examiner Lanier indicated that credentials 32(a)-32(c) are considered to correspond to the prescribed data. The July 19 Advisory Action alleges that the registration packet corresponds to the encrypted data.

However, col. 6, lines 44-59 of Spies describes that computing units 24(a)-24(c) at participants 22(a)-22(c) are each programmed to generate a registration packet and that credential binding server 28 is programmed to produce credentials for each participant based upon their registration packet and to send the credentials 32(a)-32(c) back to the computing units 24(a)-24(c). Col. 6, lines 49-57 teaches that the credentials will be used to identify and authenticate other participants during the commerce transaction. As described in the July 1, 2005 Amendment After Final Rejection, col. 8, lines 25-28 of Spies teaches that the registration packet includes identification information of the participant. See Fig. 3. Spies does not teach or suggest encrypting the credentials by the participants 22(a)-22(c).

Therefore, Spies does not teach or suggest that the first device encrypts prescribed data received from the second device to be verified with an encrypting means on the basis of first data stored in a first data memory means, as recited in claim 30. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 30 is patentable over Spies.

Claims 31 and 32 are patentable at least for their dependence on claim 30, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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